

**Amendments to the Claims:**

1.-6. Cancelled

7. (Currently Amended) In a swimming pool cleaning apparatus including a framework having a [[peripheral recess for supporting a filter]] base provided with raw liquid inlet openings, framework members projecting from the base and a recessed circumferential strip, comprising:

[[a disposable filter;]]

a disposable filtering bag provided with an opening defined by a rim, said bag being made of a non-woven, synthetic material having filtering perforations; and

a substantially flat, stretchable band affixed to and extending along said rim of the opening, the [[band]] opening being sized to fit into said recess in a stretched state, facilitating the easy attachment and detachment of the bag to said circumferential strip and on said framework.

8. (Currently Amended) [[The]]In the swimming pool cleaning apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein said filtering bag is provided with filtering perforations which are of a size between 70 to 80 microns.

9. (Currently Amended) [[The]]In the swimming pool cleaning apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein said disposable filtering bag [[filter]] has an air permeability as follows:

for 1 mbar – 325 cm<sup>3</sup>/cm<sup>2</sup>/sec;

for 2 mbar – 510 cm<sup>3</sup>/cm<sup>2</sup>/sec, and

for 3 mbar – 850 cm<sup>3</sup>/cm<sup>2</sup>/sec.

10. (Currently Amended) [[The]]In the swimming pool cleaning apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein said disposable filtering bag [[ filter]] has a stretching

strength of about 100.0 lb/in<sup>2</sup> length and about 60.5 lb/in<sup>2</sup> width, and a bursting strength of about 80 lb/in<sup>2</sup>.

11. (Currently Amended) [[The]]In the swimming pool cleaning apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein said [[filter]]disposable filtering bag is made of polypropylene having a weight of about 51.2 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

12. (Currently Amended) [[The]]In the swimming pool cleaning apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein said stretchable band is of a substantially rectangular cross-section.

13. (Currently Amended) [[The]]In the swimming pool cleaning apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein the disposable filtering bag [[filter]] in its assembled state is slipped over said framework with a stretchable opening tightly surrounding and clinging to a recessed strip.

14. – 23. (Cancelled)

24. (New) In the swimming pool cleaning apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein said framework includes two substantially rectangular framework members disposed substantially parallel to each other supported by a base.

25. (New) In the swimming pool cleaning apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein said disposable filtering bag is provided with a sleeve extending around said rim..

26. (New) In the swimming pool cleaning apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein said opening and said elastic band are also sized to fit closely around and cling strongly to the recessed circumferential strip.

27. (New) In the swimming pool cleaning apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein said framework is a unitary member for maintaining said framework members in a fixed relationship relative to each other for support of said filtering bag.